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Letter dated 20 September 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as representative of the Presidency of the European Union I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a declaration by the European Union on Haiti issued on 19 September 1994 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you could have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 34 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Detlev GRAF ZU RANTZAU

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ANNEX

Statement on Haiti made on 19 September 1994 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union

The European Union welcomes the fact that the illegal military rulers in Haiti, after stubbornly refusing for a long time to comply with their obligations under the Governors Island Agreement, have finally been induced to declare their readiness to step down by 15 October 1994 at the latest, and that thus military confrontation and bloodshed could be avoided at the last moment. The European Union expects the illegal military rulers this time to keep strictly to their word so that military enforcement can also be avoided in the future.

The European Union hopes that the constitutional Government under freely elected President Aristide will be able to resume its lawful functions in the country without delay. It supports the multinational force in its policy of creating secure and stable conditions that will permit the United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH) to begin its programme of assistance immediately. The European Union is ready to support the new Government of concord to be appointed by President Aristide in its struggle for national reconciliation, and in particular in the organization of the next parliamentary elections, which will allow the Haitian people to express its free will.

The European Union hopes that these actions will promote an environment of stability, respect for law and reconciliation, as well as help to solve the problem of Haitian migrants currently affecting the region. The European Union reiterates its willingness to participate in the reconstruction of Haiti and to do everything in its power to support emergency aid programmes for the suffering population. Some States members have already announced their participation in the international police monitoring team and humanitarian efforts intended further to normalize democracy and the rule of law and to alleviate the situation of the Haitian people.

Norway, Austria and Finland as acceding States associate themselves with the present statement.